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A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to G.Os. No. 733, Public, dated 3rd August 1925, and No. 902, Public, dated 18th September 1925, which were published. One of the members, M.R.Ry. A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu, has since resigned.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The committee was formed on 3rd August 1925 and has not yet been dissolved.

(*d*) The Government have not yet received the committee's report.

(*e*) & (*f*) The committee are dealing with a very difficult question and the Government have no desire to hurry them or to fix a particular limit to their deliberations.

Survey and Settlement

Pensions or gratuities to temporary draftsmen.

*817 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of draftsmen in the Central Survey Office on temporary service; and, if so, how many;

(*b*) the longest period any of them have been kept as temporary;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that provision has been made in the Civil Service Regulations to give them pension or gratuity after 25 years' service;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that a few men recently retired after 25 years' service and whether they were not given any gratuity or pension;

(*e*) how many men are on 'temporary' service at present who have put in more than 20 years' service;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that these men have sent a memorial to Government; and

(*g*) what action Government propose to take thereon?

A.—(*a*) There are 150 temporary draftsmen (including computers).

(*b*) The Government have not the information.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The Government know of two such cases.

(*e*) The number of temporary draftsmen who had put in twenty years' continuous service or more was 48 in February 1927.

(*f*) & (*g*) The Government have received copies of memorials from a few temporary draftsmen requesting that a time-scale of pay should be given to them instead of grade pay and that an appreciable number of them should be confirmed. No action was taken as they were only copies of memorials submitted through the Director of Survey and the Board of Revenue. The original memorials have not yet reached Government.

Forests

Report regarding the alleged death of Mr. B. Ponnayya, a forest ranger in Kurnool district.

*818 *Q.*—Mr. D. Narayana Raju: Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report regarding the death under suspicious circumstances of Mr. B. Ponnayya, a forest ranger in Kurnool district; and

(*b*) if so, whether it will be placed on the table of the House?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 795 asked by Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"In answer to question No. 795, it was stated that the suicide of the late Mr. Ponnayya was due to his suspension, 'on enquiry.' May I know, Sir, who conducted that enquiry?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I am doubtful whether any supplemental questions can be put on the answers given already. The original question No. 795 was put yesterday or the day before in the House. It is only by a mistake that this question was not tacked on to that question."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"I am only asking a supplemental question on the answer given for the present question, Sir."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I do not think I can allow it."

Fuel supply for some villages in Kurnool.

*819 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the reply to my question No. 130 regarding supply of fuel for some villages in Kurnool district answered on 24th August 1927 that the Government had called for a report, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place the same on the table of the House?

A.—Information asked for in Legislative Council question No. 130 is appended.[a]

Restrictions imposed on grazing in forests.

*820 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the reply to my question No. 374 regarding restrictions imposed on grazing in forests answered on 27th August 1927 that the Government had called for a report, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place the same on the table of the House?

A.—The information asked for in the Legislative Council question No. 374 is appended.[b]

Alleged raids by Forest officers on private houses.

*821 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the reply to my question No. 128 regarding alleged raids by Forest officers on private houses answered on 24th August 1927 that the Government had called for a report, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place the same on the table of the House?

A.—The information asked for in Legislative Council question No. 128 is appended.[c]

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 507-508 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix III on page 509 infra. [c] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 509-510 infra.